County Court of Union County
La Grande, Oregon 97850

From the office of
EARLE C. MISENER, County Judge

HAROLD SCHWEBKE, Commissioner
JOE GARLITZ, Commissioner

December 3, 1979

Dear Water Provider:

This letter represents an effort by the state legislature to involve water providers and local governments in development of a new state program to improve water quality and supply. A few months ago the legislature passed SB 288 (copy attached). This bill requests that counties survey water systems within their boundaries, prepare a report which assesses problems and makes recommendations, and submit it to Intergovernmental Relations Division by the end of March, 1980. We are now requesting that you complete the attached survey form as your part of the project, and return it to the county by December 20, 1979. We will use the information you and other water providers give us to prepare the Union County report.

While we regret the inconvenience this survey causes water providers, we believe the reports prepared by each county will be of great assistance to the legislature in its effort to grapple with the immense problems of water supply and quality in Oregon. A member of the American Water Works Association (AWWA) has volunteered to help water providers in this county if they have any difficulty completing the survey. His name is Ron Gross and he can be reached as follows:

Ron Gross
City of La Grande Public Works Dept.
963-8554

Please contact him if you have any problems. The county has also designated a person to have responsibility for summarizing the surveys and preparing the county report. Her name is Marlene Perkins, and she can be reached as follows:

Marlene Perkins
Union County Court
963-8686 ext. 202

Please return completed survey forms to her.

The final report is to be non-technical in nature and based on information already available. We are not asking you to develop a lot of new technical information to complete this survey. Please use what you have on hand and make best guess estimates where they are called for. The survey is to compile general information about the nature and extent of water quality and supply problems. It should come from common sense and your existing knowledge.

We look forward to receiving the completed survey form from you. We are anxious to have Union County play its part in this important statewide effort.

Sincerely,

Earle C. Misener

ECM/mp

Attachments: Water System Assessment Survey Form
SB 288